

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

TRROUBLES OF THE POLICE BOARD.
WHAT GENERAL SMITH SAYS OF THE CAUSES OF THE
DIFFICULTY.

The recent publication of the resolutions of the Board of Police Commissioners, Erhardt, calling for a thorough investigation of the Police Department, and the comments of police officials formed the staple of conversation yesterday, in political circles. That the resolutions were aimed at the President of the Board, General Smith, admitted that he had reason to believe, and in view of the belief that a personal quarrel had arisen between him and Mr. Erhardt, President Smith gave a to *Truman* reporter his version of the origin of the trouble. About a year ago, he said, when the Board of Street Cleaning was nearly organized, testified Mr. Erhardt, declaring that the Board had gone to far in the planning of the contract system, offered a resolution to veto more resolutions of the Brooklyn Common Council than any of his predecessors, transmitted four veto messages to that body yesterday. The most important expressed his disapproval of the resolution appointing a committee to investigate the Board of City Works. He says that the management of an important branch of the business of the department is under investigation by the criminal authorities of the county, and pending that investigation, it is not in the interest of public policy or public justice that an investigation should be entered upon by the Aldermen. This would place either the incriminated Commissioners or the criminal officials at a disadvantage, he continues, and it is possible that in its results it might place a majority of the Common Council in an awkward and even ridiculous position. The Grand Jury has found indictments against two City Works Commissioners, and two of their subordinates. If the Common Council should make an investigation, it would be going on at the same time as that which will occupy the attention of the courts. Such a spectacle would not be desired by any friend of justice in the matter, and would not subserve the public interest. He decided that under such circumstances it would be useless to hold meetings, and he showed his decision, Senator Blaine, whom he had referred his decision, a point to a point, and that with Mr. Blaine one followed Mr. Erhardt.

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A FATHER IN SEARCH OF A SON.

CAPTAIN MAY BELIEVES HE HAS IDENTIFIED A CRIPPLE AS HIS LONG-LOST SON—UNGRATEFUL CONDUCT OF THE CRIPPLE.

There appeared in the New-York papers a day or two ago an account of the sufferings of Charles May, a crippled boy, thinly clad, who had been given shelter and food at a police station in Newark, and who, at his own request, had been sent to jail. Captain Charles S. May, one of the oldest seafaring men of this city, now employed in a shipping office in Williamsburg, was strongly impressed with the idea that the boy was his son—the oldest of his three children, whose history he had not known for fourteen years.

The captain had married in Liverpool in 1858, and returning to America, settled in Williamsburg in 1865. His wife and he lived happily together until 1865, when Mrs. May left her husband for some reason which he cannot explain. She died in 1868, and the little boy was put under the care of a third person, and since Mr. May's departure for sea at that time he has had no news of his children, and says he could never guess where they were. Captain May, however, makes it plain that the condition of the lame-pants is not such as to awaken apprehension of waste or damage if they remain without point, and says that Mr. Courtney has discharged the duties of clerk acceptable and his term of office does not expire until next month.

He has written to the naval course—that is, they were placed on file and ordered to be printed in the corporation paper.

A LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

The New-York Volunteer Life-Saving Society held a meeting yesterday at No. 113 Pearl-st., and formed an organization. The officers will be elected annually on the last Monday in January. No officer will receive any salary, or be permitted to contract any debt in the name of the association. The following officers were elected: President, Franklin Elson; Vice-President, of the Produce Exchange; Vice-President, Brayton Tyes, president of the Cotton Exchange; Treasurer, Henry J. Robinson; Secretary, F. W. Hougham; Board of Directors, Paul Boyton, James S. Clew, and James C. Cummings of the Merchant's Exchange; James W. Weller, and M. P. Fielding of the Cotton Exchange; G. W. Davis, George H. Broadhead, and R. L. Cutting, Jr., of the Stock Exchange; A. C. T. Morgan, R. Foster, Jr., and W. D. Morgan, of the Produce Exchange; and W. H. Bunting, of the equipment of the service has authorized the construction of one station at Pier No. 8, East River, at cost of \$160. The offer of Dr. Garrison, to deliver a lecture for the benefit of the society, the Most Approved Society, with Miss Livermore, and the Recitation of Those Apparently Drowned, was accepted.

In a few days Captain Paul Boyton will go to Washington, where he will give a public exhibition with his swimmers, until on the 20th before President Hayes, and the Recitation of Those Apparently Drowned, was accepted.

The exhibition will take place as soon as the river is free from ice. Captain Boyton also has accepted an invitation to go to the 20th before President Hayes, on the Allegheny River, to Pittsburgh, a distance of fifty miles. There he will visit Canada, to fulfil several engagements already made.

A RESPIRE FOR THE COUNTY CLERK.

Judge Donohue has granted a stay, pending appeal, in the second proceeding to compel County Clerk Henry A. Gumboldt to exhibit his fee books. The judge appeals to his decision in the first proceeding granting a stay, the following memorandum explaining his reasons for a stay in the second suit:

The motion for a stay in this matter was noticed for the first Monday of February, but at the request of the relator was heard January 24. A full consideration of the case, and the facts adduced in support of the motion, made no room to change the conclusion reached in the opinion on the former motion. It is to be regretted that apparently strong feeling on both sides should have become a part of the cause, and that the relator should have been compelled to sue for a writ of habeas corpus, which the court could not grant.

Mr. Clinton made a strong argument in favor of the cause, and the court, after a full hearing, rendered a judgment in the relator's favor, and the stay was granted.

It is also proposed to issue a new certiorari, reappealable at the pleasure of the State, or in payment by installments of 5 per cent each, beginning the second week hence and running twenty years. The opinion will be presented to the Legislature, with a stay of a few weeks, and it will be adopted by the Virginia Legislature, as it has received the approval of some of the leading representatives of the state.

The plan has been approved by the Board of New-York, National Life Association, Baring Brothers, Dixey, Morcan & Co., L. von Hoffman & Co., Winslow, Lamb & Co., the First National Bank of New-York, and the Funding Association.

INVESTIGATING A TRUST COMPANY.

A circular has been issued to the stockholders of the National Trust Company by William O. McDowell, submitting resolutions for a public meeting on February 12 of stockholders who have never been trustees of the company. It is also proposed that a committee be elected to investigate the affairs of the company, and if facts sustain it, to take proceedings to hold any or all of them liable for the conduct of the company, and for the loss of part of stock.

Mr. McDowell says that charges have been made that the company was not insolvent when a receiver was appointed, and that it has paid debts and expenses which it was not bound to pay, and caused losses to be made, and authorized by the charter, making them personally responsible; that when William J. Best, special examiner, had almost completed his investigation, the trustees applied to Mr. J. L. Erhardt, of the New-York Bar, to issue a writ of habeas corpus, and that instead of doing this they applied to the Court to have Mr. Best made receiver; that the receiver has sold at private sale, in conformity with the will of the testator, all the assets of the estate, and that the sum paid for the sale was \$200,000. These charges, it is claimed, may be either vindicated or thrown to account. No one will be allowed to take part in the trial unless he signs the resolutions submitted by Mr. McDowell.

A PIGEON SHOW AT THE AQUARIUM.

Extraordinary preparations are being made at the New-York Aquarium for the fourth annual exhibition of the National Columbian Society, which will open February 3 and continue four days. The exhibition, it is intended, shall far surpass all previous efforts ever made in this country. The members of the society are nearly all wealthy pigeon fanciers, who will not only exhibit their own finest birds, but also compete from breeders of fancy pigeons from all parts of the country. Liberal prizes will be given for the most perfect specimens and entries may be made in every class. The total amount of money to be given away is over \$200,000. These changes, it is claimed, may be either vindicated or thrown to account. No one will be allowed to take part in the trial unless he signs the resolutions submitted by Mr. McDowell.

INVESTIGATING THE ANNUAL MEETING—ADDRESSES BY GEORGE DE FOREST LORKE, THE REV. DR. WASHBURN AND OTHERS.

A large audience gathered at Association Hall last evening on the occasion of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association. In the absence of Elbert B. Monroe, president of the association, William E. Dodge Jr. presided. The treasurer's report was read by Cornelius Vanderbilt, and showed that the receipts of the past year were \$23,051.70, and the expenditures \$22,508.47, leaving a balance of \$516.23. The annual report was read by the Secretary, R. R. McBurney, and showed a good year's work. The need of a lecture endowment was set forth, by which young men might be given tickets to lectures such as those Joseph Cook is now delivering.

George De Forest Lorke then made a brief address.

Aided by the cold weather of Sunday, the managers of the artificial ice rink at Gilmore's Garden were able to secure a perfect rink yesterday. Their success when the temperature is yet uncertain.

During last week there were numerous spots where the ice was defective. On Sunday this was found to be caused by the stoppage of the pipes under the valves and stopped the flow of the freezing water. Some of the pipes were found leaking. The leaks were stopped; the pipes were cleaned, and a recurrence of the trouble is now to be prevented by an arrangement which allows the current to be

versed. After the valves leave the ice to-night it is to be flooded over the Morton Commandant hall on Wednesday. A layer of sheathing paper is to be laid on the ice, on which logs will be placed, the spaces between will be filled with sawdust, and so on the dancing floor will be laid. On Saturday, Jan. 27, the whole dancing floor will be removed for the Arion Society ball. For Saturday night next, the management offers a medal to be skated for by boys under fifteen years of age; distance, one mile, or eleven times around the rink.

A MAYOR PROLIFIC IN VETOES.

Mayer Howell, who has the reputation of vetoing more resolutions of the Brooklyn Common Council than any of his predecessors, transmitted four veto messages to that body yesterday. The most important expressed his disapproval of the resolution appointing a committee to investigate the Board of City Works. He says that the management of an important branch of the business of the department is under investigation by the criminal authorities of the county, and pending that investigation, it is not in the interest of public policy or public justice that an investigation should be entered upon by the Aldermen. This would place either the incriminated Commissioners or the criminal officials at a disadvantage, he continues, and it is possible that in its results it might place a majority of the grand jury in an awkward and even ridiculous position. The Grand Jury has found indictments against two City Works Commissioners, and two of their subordinates. If the Common Council should make an investigation, it would be going on at the same time as that which will occupy the attention of the courts. Such a spectacle would not be desired by any friend of justice in the matter, and would not subserve the public interest.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, he said, he voted to get rid of Mr. Erhardt, informed Mr. Erhardt that he had been sent to him by himself, and could do nothing. Then followed Mr. Erhardt's charge against Captain Schmitz, of the Police Department.

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